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Dear Harold:

What a wonderful letter!

My warmest thanks for your kindness in sending it.

You are certainly right about the subtlety of the Johnson speech. I am just now beginning to realize that under the guise of a "forward" policy he is actually promoting a defensive policy. It could be called "a Gavin policy in Alsop clothing".

I am fascinated by south east Asia and its meanings. I have been doing a series in the Monitor in which I take the line that we are at the beginning of Cold War II which is being waged over the future frontiers of China. My thesis includes the proposition that our first ally in the new cold war is none other than our old enemy from Cold War I, the Russians. Is your thinking along that same line?

Sincerely,

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